

MIDWAY MADNESS OPENS TONIGHT AT SOUTH BAY

Fifty-seven community organizations are poised for the explosive opening of South Bay Center's first annual "Midway Madness" opening tonight at 5 p.m. and continuing through Sunday.

With all proceeds from the event going to charity the groups from the seven surrounding communities of Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan Beaches, Torrance, Gardena, Lawndale and Hawthorne will operate their carnival booths, food concessions and rides from 5 to 10 p.m. today and tomorrow, from 10 until 10 Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday in the huge 5600 parking stall South Bay Center parking lot, 174th St. and Hawthorne Blvd.

National charities will also benefit, as well as the local groups, according to Center Promotion Manager Lynne Frantz.

"The event is being staged," related Frantz, "to give the many and various organizations an opportunity to relieve the financial strain often confronting a community civic group. Most clubs find it difficult to raise funds for their charitable functions and this charity carnival is intended to

help each group reach their goal," concluded Frantz.

Four kiddie and three grownup rides, cotton candy, sno cones, and the baseball games, penny pitches, et al, will all be included in the four-day event which for the first time brings the seven local communities together for one function.

Fire, Police Officers Ask For More Pay

Representatives of the city's fire and police departments were the only ones to speak at the first public hearings on the city's \$3,981,850 proposed budget for the 1958-59 fiscal year this week.

Fireman Al Salcido claimed Torrance firemen were underpaid and Officer Dave Cook of the Police Department asked for longevity pay and a uniform allowance for both departments.

Their requests were heard by members of the council without comment.

Under the terms of the proposed budget, the city employees would be held in their present pay brackets. The budget provides for a slight increase in taxes, but councilmen indicate even this may be eliminated.

School Asked To Assist in Bridge Costs

The State Division of Highways will recommend construction of a pedestrian overcrossing over busy Pacific Coast Hwy. in front of South High School, providing the city and school district will share one-third of the cost school officials have been informed.

Plans for an over crossing and underpass both were studied, but highway officials thought the overcrossing more desirable. Total cost would be about \$49,000. School officials, parents, and many other groups have actively sought such a safety measure.

Another long-sought safety measure, traffic signals at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy., near the school, now are being installed and are expected to be in operation within a few days.

Legion's Dances To Be Continued

The popular Saturday night dances will continue at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., is announced this week by J. Rome Gateley, newly installed commander of the post.

A meeting place for many of the city's couples during the past several months, the Legion Hall dances have gained in popularity and will be a continuing project of the post, Gateley said.

Mel Coates, who is second vice commander of the post, will have his "Swingsters" on hand each Saturday night to furnish the music. Refreshments are available at the hall, and merchandise prizes will be awarded dancing couples during the evening. Dancing is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Saturday night affairs are not limited to Legionaires, but are open to the public, Gateley emphasized.

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CHECK-OUT... Reggie Hannemann, who will drive a Chevrolet in the fifth annual Youth Safety Run to Yosemite, checks out his car at Paul's Chevrolet and gets a few tips from Officer A. L. Jackson (left), Officer Sam Piazza, and Paul Loranger, the sponsoring dealer. The run will be made June 23 to 25.



READY FOR RUN... Paul Grutis, who will pilot a Ford in the Youth Safety Run June 23 to 25 to Yosemite, takes the car from his sponsor, Vel Miletich of Vel's Ford Sales while Officers Sam Piazza and A. L. Jackson look on. The run is sponsored by Los Angeles County Police Advisory Council for Car Clubs.

Cars Collide On Highway

Torrance Police Sgt. Mickey Fischer and his wife, Ethel, of 2094 Reynosa Dr., were injured when their auto collided with one driven by Pasqual F. Ovalles, 49, of 4204 W. 182nd St., early yesterday.

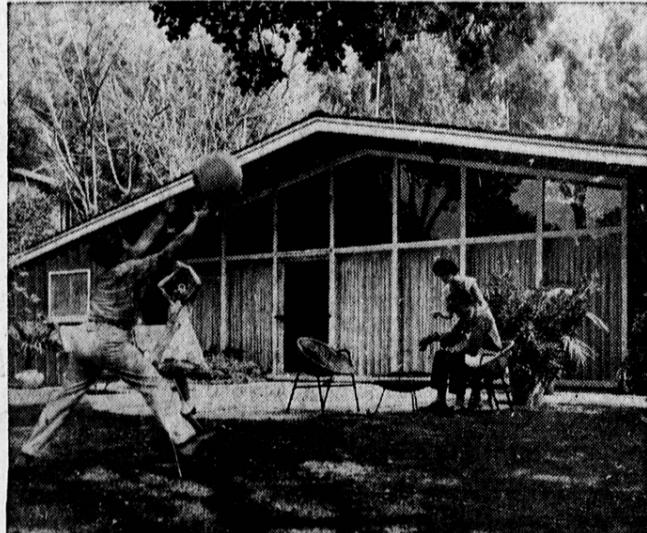
The rear end collision occurred on a Pacific Coast Hwy. at 2:05 a.m. Ovalles, according to police, was east-bound on the Hwy. after turning off Ocean Ave.

The Fischers were taken to an emergency hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises while Ovalles was transported to Harbor General Hospital by a friend.

Legion Auxiliary to Install Here Friday

Torrance American Legion auxiliary will hold its installation of officers tomorrow evening, Friday, at 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Border Ave. Mrs. Margaret Howell will be installed as the new president, succeeding Mrs. Dorothy Parks.

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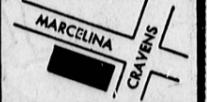
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